

Welcome and Introductions/Occupation/Blockades Update/Federal Priority Update/Guns and Gangs

[Schedule was changed, Gun & Gangs instead]

M3 – Update on current state of affairs:

- The blockades that started a month ago, aiming critical infrastructure, had a very significant and negative impact on our security, sovereignty, integrity at the borders.
- We worked very closely with FPT to get a grasp of the risks to public safety, international security.
- We took unprecedented decision to invoke emergencies act on the advice we received from many branches of enforcement on every level.
- There was a need to create new tools for law enforcement.
- That was done in a circumscribed way, Charter compliant:
 - Give law enforcement ability to designate no-go zones
 - Efficiently and rapidly deploy RCMP
 - Commandeer equipment (tow trucks, barriers)
 - Financial measures, consistent with s.7 & s.8 rights.
- Since the invocation, dramatic improvement of the situation, but we will make sure that it won't stay in place longer than necessary.
- Feds are here to help, additional resources, law enforcement tools, we are more informed, have a clearer understanding of what is driving the blockades, the tactics that were deployed, the similarity of the targets, critical infrastructures, democratic institutions.
- Alarming increase in the extremist rhetoric that explicitly calls for anti-government sentiment, overthrow of government, erosion of democratic institutions. Lots of lessons learned.

QC – Mathieu Levesque

The Government of QC is of the opinion that :

- **EMA threshold was not met, consultation requirement was not met**
- Consultation with PM/Premiers was on a decision that had already been taken.
- Special arrangements should have been taken to exclude QC from EMA
- There is not threat to public safety that the current laws couldn't have addressed
- Don't agree that it meets the definitions
- Last time such measures were used it left a bitter taste in QC (War Measures)
- **The invocation of EMA will leave a negative precedent**
- QC Gov & QC Legislature don't want it to apply in QC
- Qc wants to maintain the integrity of its institutions at all times, and won't accept that any of them be subrogated by the EMA

MB – Kelvin Goertzen

- Manitoba is not unsympathetic with the feds position and not unaware of the challenge.
- Emerson blockade and legislature blockages were very different than Ottawa.

- In both those situation, negotiation with RCMP and Winnipeg police managed to end the blockades without EMA.
- They oppose EMA, it wasn't necessary, didn't meet the threshold no consultation requirements.
- They want a regional application and not national.

AB – Sonya Savage

- Shares concerns of QC and MB.
- Thanked Feds for help with RCMP and bringing BC RCMP in.
- In Coutts, used provincial tools to resolve situation, without emergency act.
- They resolved it through Kijiji by buying tow trucks, and not by using EMA.

BC – Mike Farnworth

- Protest and blockades were an economic hostage taking.
- There were very big challenges to the local police forces.
- Invoking of EMA was justified by Feds.
- Hopefully this episode is under control, many lessons to be learnt.

BC – David Eby

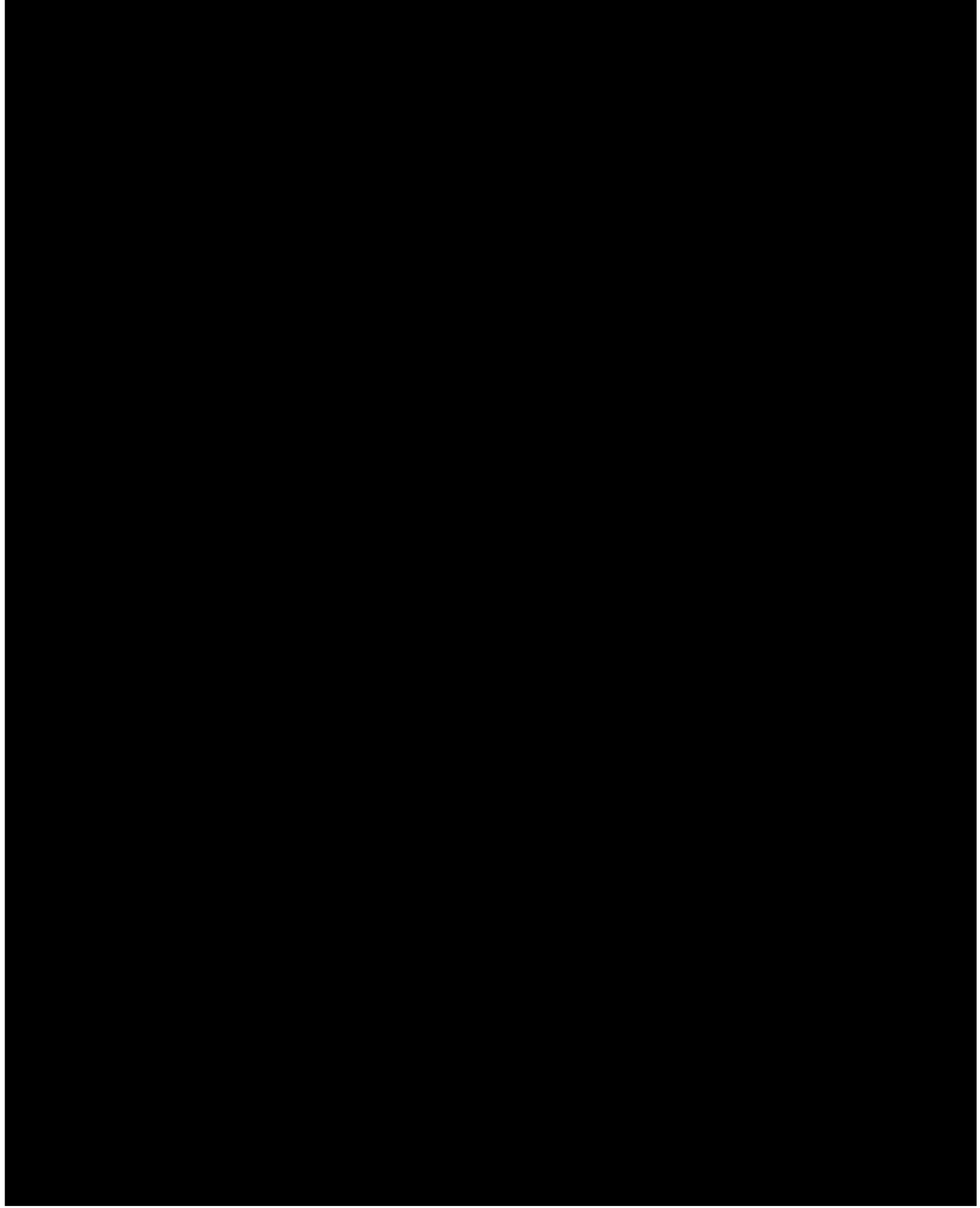
- They watch with great interest the use of FINTRAC
- They have been pushing feds to use FINTRAC more aggressively for money laundering.
- It was a delight to see FINTRAC used this way
- Strongly encourage that FINTRAC be used for gang crime, money laundering, human trafficking, real estate.

Lametti Wrap-up

- Lametti, says consultation standard was met, he will defend it in the courts if he needs to.
- Views coming out of AB and MB were not univocal, we needed to take a decision.
- We don't share the view the way federalism works with QC. Hinted that Mulroney is from QC
- EMA does not displace any provincial powers, they just give additional powers to federal.
- This is a very targeted, restrained and measured application of the law
- It will actually leave a positive precedent in terms of threshold and application, could become a standard for the future.
- Duration of EMA is being reevaluated in realtime, want it to end sooner rather than later.
- Consultations didn't end with FMM, they are ongoing.

Lametti elaborates on his Justice priorities; M3 highlights areas of mandate letter (Guns, RCMP Reform, National Security)

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